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## J. A. Carnley Announces For Probate Office Of Coffee County

TO THE PEOPLE OF COFFEE COUNTY:

I am a candidate for the office of Probate Judge of my county, in the democratic primary, August 8, 1922, and now make the following declaration of general principles which I consider right and proper as applied to this important office:

1. A public office is a public trust, and a public official is the trustee of the people to execute this trust in their interest. In the exercise of its powers and duties, he should never convert it into the instrument of usurpation and graft.
2. The office of Probate Judge practically represents all the departments into which our representative democracy and republican form of government is divided, being administrative and having to do with matters vitally affecting the interests of the people, social, political, and financial.
3. The Probate Judge occupies a position of influence for good or evil and he should be in close sympathy with the people and should stand for their highest and best interests, material, moral and political.
4. The Probate Judge should use the same care and business judgment in spending the County's money as he would his own, and when he fails to do so, county warrants become of small value and the county's indebtedness is largely increased.
5. High and excessive taxation weighs heavily upon taxpayers when the people fail to receive benefits commensurate with taxes paid by them.
6. Commercializing public office is one of the gravest dangers to our American system of government. When the office is bought by those who are able to purchase it, it at once becomes, in a sense, private property, and the people are made the victims of selfish plunder and exploitation. Then we have waste and graft of the people's money.
7. The hope and security of free government hang upon purity in official life and honesty in the exercise of our electorate. The sacredness of the ballot must be preserved. Election returns should never be tampered with the day after election by "fiddlers and crooked men." This must stop, or the guilty will go into the penitentiary instead of public office.
8. The Probate Judge, by reason of his powers, exercises an influence over the less important county office to an extent that makes him more responsible for his misconduct. In matters of taxes and revenues, and expenditures, he is the chief administrator of our public affairs.
9. The Probate Judge should never pursue a policy detrimental to the people's interests. The credit of the County should not be impaired by control of business or banking institutions, and there should be no conflict between private and public life in the conduct of his office. There should be no private directorate of public funds.
10. The Probate Judge should be impartially the servant of all alike, the poor in their distress as well as the rich in their luxury. He should be free and untampered in the discharge of his duties; the slave of none but the servant of all.

### PLATFORM IN BRIEF

1. Reduce Tax Valuations on all property.
  2. Economy in all County Expenses.
  3. Return to taxpayers in benefits 100 cents in every dollar paid in taxes.
  4. Cut out graft and waste of people's money.
  5. Redeem the County's credit and make county warrants worth 100 cents in the dollar to the first holder thereof.
  6. Repair, maintain and build good roads with County, State and Federal Funds, and make every dollar of State Bond money with a dollar of Federal money.
  7. Put Coffee among the progressive and up-to-date Counties of Alabama in education, agriculture, health and prosperity of the people.
  8. Clean politics and an honest administration.
- Service to the people and to all the people of the County alike, without special favors to any set or section, but with fairness to all.

J. A. CARNLEY,  
Elba, Ala.

(Paid political advertisement.)

### MOCK TRIAL

FRIDAY NIGHT, MARCH 3rd, 1922—AT THE COURT HOUSE CAST OF CHARACTERS

OFFICERS OF COURT: Judge Thunderbug ..... W. M. BRUNSON  
Clerk Ketchum ..... C. R. TALLEY  
Reporter Skelchum ..... Mrs. J. W. KENDRICK  
Plaintiff—SYDNEY RAINER. Defendant—LESLIE MIXSON

PLAINTIFF'S LAWYERS— DEFENDANT'S LAWYERS—  
Attorney Skinfint—W. W. Sanders—Attorney Bristlehead—J. A. Carnley  
Attorney Paterhead—J. M. Rowe—Attorney Razorback—Chas. Rowe

JURORS EXTRAS  
Mrs. C. P. Hayes Mrs. Will Cooper Mrs. Dana Perdine  
Mrs. Jeter Mrs. Mose Lee Mrs. S. H. Brock  
Mrs. Dorsey Mrs. D. C. Marley Miss Annie Lou Conner  
Mrs. Alma Wise Mrs. Speer Miss Denson  
Mrs. Mitchell Mrs. O. S. Rainer Mrs. Tom Tatum  
Mrs. J. M. Harris Mrs. J. W. Kendrick Miss Zedie Rowe

PLAINTIFF'S WITNESSES—  
Mother ..... Mr. F. A. SYMONDS  
Brother ..... H. C. JOHNSON  
Cousin ..... JOE COTTER  
Brother ..... MADGE PAGE  
Druggist ..... WALTER WHITMAN  
Seamstress ..... LUCILE McDANIEL  
Preacher ..... JOHN ARMOR  
Friend ..... MISS BLOODWORTH (Waiter)

DEFENDANT'S WITNESSES—  
SALLIE PAGE MRS. ROSS CLARK  
OTTO ROWE JIM ENGLISH  
FRED SYMONDS—(Father of Plaintiff) FRANK RAINER (Butler)  
Admission 15 cents and 25 cents.  
Benefit Parent-Teacher Association.

### MR. PARKER ANNOUNCES FOR MR. A. D. DONALDSON, PROMINENT CITIZEN, DIED MONDAY NIGHT

The people of Elba and the surrounding country were made quite sad again on Monday night and Tuesday when the news became generally known of the death of Mr. A. D. Donaldson, one of the county's most prominent citizens. His death occurred at his home in West Elba at seven o'clock on Monday night. He had been confined to his bed for about four weeks, and although it was known from the start that he could not live many weeks, his death is quite a shock to his family and his many friends throughout the county. Mr. Donaldson would have been sixty-nine years of age, had he lived until the 14th day of April. He had been a very active life and up till a few years ago conducted one of the largest farms in the county besides having had other business connections. A few years ago he retired from active supervision of his farming interests and since has been living in town. Mr. Donaldson was an honorable and honest man and has always prospered. He numbered his friends by his acquaintances and those together with his family who were keenly his loss.

### MR. GODWIN ANNOUNCES FOR SHERIFF

The Clipper today carries the formal announcement of Mr. E. J. Godwin, of Enterprise, for the office of Sheriff of Coffee County in the democratic primary in August. Mr. Godwin is now and has been for a number of years Chief of Police of the City of Enterprise. He is a splendid officer and should be elected to the sheriff's office, no doubt will make the county one of the best of officers.

Mr. Godwin was in the race for the office at the last election, and made a most creditable race. His friends throughout the county were interested in his announcement and predict a more successful showing in the primary.

### WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the pastor will preach his last sermon. We expect to resign at this time. All the people are urged to be present. Let's make this a great day for our Master.

L. A. NALL, Pastor.

### MUTILATED BODY OF YOUNG WOMAN FOUND IN MISSISSIPPI

New Orleans, La., Feb. 18.—Police officials of practically every city and town in the south tonight joined in the search for three men and two women following the discovery near Hazlehurst, Miss., of the body of a young woman so badly beaten and charred that identification is feared impossible. The victim, who was apparently about 23 years old, had been shot through the head, horribly beaten with a club and her oil soaked clothes set afire in an effort to destroy the body. She is believed to have been a member of a party of six, the remaining five of whom are being sought by the police, who left New Orleans several days ago.

Every effort is being made tonight to identify the body, though the police admit that its charred condition makes that almost impossible.

Ada Drury Missing  
The most promising clue was furnished by a key tag bearing the name "Ada Drury, Wichita Falls, Texas." Though investigation disclosed the fact that a woman by this name was missing from Wichita Falls, and while it was believed that the body was that of the Drury girl, its identity as such remained to be proved.

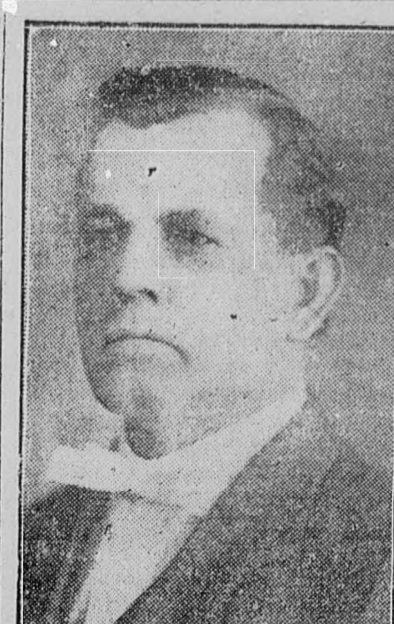
My Be Married Woman  
Another clue that was engaging the attention of the police was that of a request of W. A. Wombacher, an employee of the Illinois Central railroad, that a search be made for his wife who was a member of the party now being sought. Wombacher said his wife was traveling under the assumed name of Nelson. He said he had received a letter from her some time ago, mailed from Atlanta, and that he later traced her and the party to Kentwood, La., and Hazlehurst, Miss., but that he had since lost trace of the six.

It was in a ravine near Hazlehurst that the body was found, where it had been hidden after the vain efforts of slayer to destroy it by burning. It was dressed in a khaki uniform which had been practically destroyed by the flames.

The young woman's features were badly disfigured by the flames and she had been shot through the head as well as badly beaten.

There are quite a number of cows and hogs running at large in my community. Farmers are now ready to plant and those who have cattle out will please take them up at once. C. J. BRADLEY, Elba, Ala., Rt. 3

Mrs. A. A. Owen of New Brockton is spending several days with her niece, Mrs. H. A. DuBose.



E. D. GODWIN.  
(Paid political announcement by E. D. Godwin, Enterprise, Ala.)

### ONE MAN KILLED IN BAD AUTO ACCIDENT

Harrisonburg, Va., Feb. 25.—One man was killed, a woman probably mortally injured, and two men and three small girls escaped with minor injuries late this afternoon when an automobile ran into a telephone pole at a sharp curve about two miles north of Harrisonburg and overturned.

The dead man is Fred Dove, about twenty years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Dove, residing about eight miles above Dovesville, and unmarried. Mrs. Pearl Dove, wife of the driver of the car, and mother of three small girls escaped with minor bruises. Mrs. Dove was said tonight to be in a critical condition. It is believed she sustained a fractured skull.

### NEGRO WOMAN TO HANG FOR HUSBAND MURDER

Selma, Ala., Feb. 23.—Nellie Bestor, negro who killed her husband Smith Bestor, while he was sitting in his chair before the fire at their home at Woodstock, Ala., about two weeks ago, was yesterday sentenced to be hanged at Centerville by Judge S. F. Hobbs, of the circuit court. The crime was one of the most fiendish ever recorded in the criminal annals of the state.

The woman used a large axe with which she split her husband's head open striking from behind. She then unjointed the body and placed the parts in the fire and afterwards used a big rock to carry the remains to a nearby creek making three trips before she concealed the violence of her deed.

Judge Hobbs fixed March 24 as the date of the execution. This is the second instance of the hanging of a woman in the history of the state. The first being the execution of Pauline McCoy at Union Springs, several years ago.

### SURGLAR HITS SELMA WOMAN IN HEAD, BINDS HER, ROBS ROOM

Selma, Ala., Feb. 24.—Selma police are making a diligent search for a party who invaded the home of W. S. Morrison, a well known citizen, early Wednesday night, struck Miss Frances Morrison over the head above the temple, bound her securely and ransacked the room. Several articles of small value were secured.

Miss Morrison lay in an unconscious condition for some time before members of the family answered her call for help, when she regained consciousness and found her securely bound.

She was unable to describe the man and does not know whether he was white or black.

The intruder, it is said, entered the house through the front door, making his way up the stairs to Miss Morrison's room without attracting attention. Miss Morrison declares she was aroused by a noise in the room and when she raised up in bed was struck over the head with a heavy instrument. She was not seriously hurt, but has been suffering severely from the mental shock.

The invasion of the Morrison home is one of a number of burglaries during the past few weeks, according to reports at police headquarters.

NEW SUITS, COATS, DRESSES, CAPES and HATS. Come see them, the prices are very reasonable. Miss Debata Blocker.

### MR. BROCK SEEKS RE-ELECTION AS CIRCUIT CLERK

Mr. S. H. Brock formally announced in today's paper for re-election to the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court of Coffee County. Mr. Brock has been clerk of the court for a number of years and has always been an accommodating and courteous official. His work as clerk is pronounced by court officials and attorneys as being very efficient. He is well known throughout the entire county and has many friends who will be interested in his candidacy. He will make a splendid race in the primary.

### BALDWIN MAN, ALLEGED DESPERADO, RUSHES POSSE; IS FATALLY SHOT

Montgomery, Feb. 23.—Vest Watson, an alleged desperado, and said to be wanted in Greene County, Mississippi for murder and in Baldwin for several alleged offenses, was shot and probably fatally wounded near Bay Minette Wednesday afternoon by Sheriff W. R. Stewart and Deputy Law Enforcement Officers W. H. Knox and A. W. Crow.

Watson was shot six times with hotguns and a rifle, receiving a ball through his chest, through his side, through his leg and was peppered with bullets. He was immediately taken to a Bay Minette and from there to a hospital at Mobile.

The information relative to the shooting came to Chief State Law Enforcement Officer Lou Phillips, in telephone conversation with Knox at Bay Minette. It appears that Watson was sought by the Baldwin sheriff for illicit distilling, assault with intent to murder and carrying a concealed weapon. In addition to these charges the Baldwin sheriff says he has been advised that Watson is wanted in Mississippi for murder.

The sheriff is authority for the statement that Watson had sent word that he would not be taken alive. Wednesday afternoon, Stewart, in company with State Enforcement officers Knox and Crow, located Watson in a shanty near a saw mill some distance from Bay Minette. When Watson discovered the house was surrounded he is said to have rushed out, firing at the officers with a pistol and saying, "If this is the game you want to play, let's go." He was immediately shot down. The officers were not injured.

Chief Phillips stated that Watson has promised to make a statement at the hospital in Mobile as to his various alleged crimes. Information received by Chief Phillips, however, is that there is serious doubt as to whether or not Watson will live thru the night.

### WATSON DENIES THAT HE FIRED FIRST SHOT

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 23.—Westley Watson, 27 year old Baldwin county man, shot four times yesterday by forces of Sheriff Stuart and State Law Enforcement Officers Knox and Crow, while resisting arrest near Semole, Ala., denied today that he was wanted for murder. Watson confessed to an Advertiser correspondent that he had been dodging Sheriff Stuart for six months and that he had been hiding behind trees. He said that yesterday he did not fire on the officers as they claimed, but that in running away from them he fired into the air several times.

Deputy Sheriff Smith of Bay Minette, fired the first shot and then the others began firing, he said "I believe in all about 25 shots were fired at me and I was hit four times" said Watson.

Watson talked with difficulty and was told that he might not live when the conversation took place. He denied that he lived in Mississippi and said that the only crime lat. he confessed was that he was carrying concealed weapons and for an assault and battery.

The wounded man will lose the use of his right leg, if not his life, as the result of the wounds. He claims that he was born in Baldwin county, but that he did go into Florida which was only three quarters of a mile from the place where he worked when the Baldwin officer arrested him.

### WOMAN APPOINTED AS JUDGE

Pennscola, Fla., Feb. 24.—The Governor of Florida has appointed Mrs. Henry Ballinger as county judge of this county, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of her husband. She will be the first woman judge in Florida.

When your car fails, phone No. 7. CONNER.

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## POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### For Sheriff

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Coffee County, Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held next August. I will be grateful to the voters, both ladies and men, for your vote and support, and if elected, will discharge the office to the best of my ability.

D. J. STEPHENS.  
(Paid political advertisement of D. J. Stephens, New Brockton, Ala.)

### For Probate Judge

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Probate Judge of Coffee County, subject to the action of the coming Democratic primary in August. Your vote and support will be appreciated.

J. D. PARKER.  
(Paid political advertisement of J. D. Parker, Elba, Ala.)

### For Circuit Clerk

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Circuit Clerk of Coffee County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in August. Your vote and support will be appreciated.

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A. B. FOSTER.  
(Paid political advertisement of A. B. Foster, Troy, Alabama.)

## OVER ALABAMA

### A Dog's a Dog, After All.

It makes no difference how highly pedigreed a dog may be, he'll wallow in carrion every chance he gets.—Dothan Eagle.

### By No Means Safe

A local preacher called on one of his flock who was ill. The reverend said to the ill man: "Well, I hope you are out of danger now." "Well, not quite," was the reply, "you see, the doctor has to see me two or more times yet."—Opelika Daily News.

### But Why Jugs—Now?

It may not be generally known that Blount County possesses some of the best clay in the south for the manufacture of jugs and other earthenware. It is a fact, and this is one of the resources of this county that is being overlooked.—Southern Democrat.

### The Only Effective Way

Reformers are trying to use too much force and law to reform people, and they just naturally resort to force. Better get back to the old time moral persuasion. It will be longer and be more effective. People naturally resist being forced to be good by law.—Centerville Press.

### Guinea Will Get Weevils

The Talladega National Bank is dis-

## tributing a leaflet which they have prepared that tells how a "long-legged colored man" near McFall made 39 bales of cotton in 1921, in spite of Mr. Bull Weevil.

The method employed was that of using guineas to catch the weevil and the bank is advising that old hens should be set with guinea eggs so that later there may be a large number of little guineas to chase the weevil. The bank says: We are going to have the weevil with us always. We simply have to raise cotton for a money crop and we are going to do it some way. Man can overcome every difficulty. He is going to overcome the boll weevil or limit his depredations.—Talladega Reporter.

## Ships Collide in Texas

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## TROY NEGRO WOUNDED IN EFFORT TO ESCAPE

Troy, Ala., Feb. 27.—A negro, R. J. Lawrence was arrested Sunday by Deputy Police Nichols charged with prohibition violation. It is said that the negro had a bottle of whiskey in his hip pocket at the time.

When Deputy Nichols started to the jail with him he broke loose and ran, but a bullet fired by the deputy cut a flesh wound in his neck and stunned him, arresting his flight. He was reported to be alright Monday.

## Tanline Strengthens the Nerves

brings back normal state of health through its effect on the appetite and nutrition of the body.—Elba Drug Co.

## LET US BE OF SERVICE TO YOU

MANY A MAN HAS FOUND TO HIS DELIGHT THAT THERE ARE SERVICES HIS BANK CAN PERFORM OF WHICH HE NEVER DREAMED.

NOT ONLY AS A SAFEGUARD FOR FUNDS NOT MERELY AS A CONVENIENCE FOR THE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS, NOT JUST A QUICK AND EFFICIENT MEDIUM OF EXCHANGE, BUT AS A QUITE PARTNER, A FRIENDLY ADVISOR, AND A VITAL HELPER IN THE RACE FOR SUCCESS.

## Alabama Power Company A Domestic Corporation

Alabama Power Company has frequently been represented to the public as being a foreign corporation.

This is not correct.

Alabama Power Company was organized in December, 1906, by citizens of Gadsden and Wetumpka. It was chartered in this State and exists as a domestic corporation under its laws.

A majority of its directors are Alabamians.

Its 4,300 employees are all citizens of Alabama and many of them own property in this State.

Its entire pay roll goes to employees in this State.

It purchases in the State practically all supplies for its operation.

Its product, electricity, is used in Alabama for the benefit of Alabamians.

The extent and growth of its system has in the past, and continues, to make possible the industrial growth of Alabama. Its future development is needed and will be devoted to supplying the industrial power requirements of Alabamians.

Its rates and regulations are fixed by the Alabama Public Service Commission.

Its service lines extend over 25,000 square miles of territory.

It serves and pays taxes in 25 counties and 50 cities and municipalities.

It serves directly 1,000 industries in Alabama with power, and these industries give employment to 150,000 Alabamians.

It serves indirectly 500 additional industries in Alabama, employing many thousands more.

It serves directly 17,000 consumers with lights and indirectly 35,000 more through other distribution companies.

It paid \$150,000 in taxes in 1921.

It has spent in Alabama, since 1912, \$21,000,000 in pay rolls and for supplies and materials.

It is spending \$8,000,000 in the construction of Mitchell Dam and \$5,000,000 more for transmission lines and other facilities, giving employment to 2,000 men, in addition to its regular operating forces.

Of the total amount of securities outstanding, of both Alabama Power Company and Alabama Traction, Light & Power Company, over 70 per cent are owned in the United States.

It is an Alabama institution, and of its 2,934 shareholders, 1,285 live in the following cities and towns of Alabama:

City No. of Shareholders

Albanyville 10

Anniston 10

Andalusia 10

Arley 10

Barlow 10

Birmingham 10

Blossburg 10

Bonham 10

Burkeville 10

Calhoun 10

Camden 10

Canby 10

Carrollton 10

Chickasaw 10

Clanton 10

Clayton 10

Clinton 10

Cody 10

Cotton 10

Cuba 10

Dallas 10

Dandridge 10

Dawson 10

Dayton 10

Deer Creek 10

Deer Park 10

Deer River 10

Deer Run 10

Deer Valley 10

Deer View 10

Deer Water 10

Deer Wood 10

Deer Yard 10

Deer Hill 10

Deer Point 10

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## Some Aspects of the Farmers' Problems

By BERNARD M. BARUCH

(Reprinted from Atlantic Monthly.)

I. The whole rural world is in a ferment of unrest, and there is an unparalleled volume and intensity of discussion, if not angry protest, and an ominous warning of occupational conferences, interest groupings, political movements and propaganda. Such a situation cannot but arrest our attention. Indeed, it demands our careful study and examination. It is not likely that six million aloof and ruggedly independent men will come together and banded themselves into active unions, societies, farm bureaus, and so forth, for no sufficient cause.

Investigation of the subject conclusively proves that, while there is much overstatement of grievances and much overstatement of remedies, the farmers are right in complaining of wrongs long endured, and right in holding that it is feasible to relieve their ills with benefit to the rest of the community. This being the case, of an industry that contributes, in the raw material form alone, about one-third of the national annual wealth production and is the means of livelihood of about 40 per cent of the population, it is obvious that the subject is one of grave concern. It is not one that can be made up one-half of the nation, but the wellbeing of the other half depends upon them.

So long as we have nations, a wise political economy will aim at a large degree of national self-sufficiency and self-containment. Rome fell when the food supply was too far removed from the belly. Like her, we shall destroy our own agriculture and extend our sources of food distant and precarious. If we do not see to it that our farmers are well and fairly paid for their services, the farm gives the nation men as well as food. Cities derive their vitality and are forever renewed from the country, but an impoverished countryside exports idleness. Only the lower grades of mentality and character will remain on, or seek, the farm unless agriculture is made of being pursued with contentment and adequate compensation. Hence, to the bitter and impoverished farmer, the dry up and contaminate the vital sources of the nation.

The war showed convincingly how dependent the nation is on the full productivity of the farms. Despite herculean efforts, agriculture produced only a few weeks or months ahead of consumption, and that only by increasing the acreage of staple crops at the cost of reducing that of others. We ought not to let that lesson when we ponder on the farmer's problems. They are truly common problems, and there should be no attempt to deal with them as if they were purely selfish demands of a clear-cut group, antagonistic to the rest of the community. We should consider agriculture in the light of broad national policy, just as we consider oil, coal, steel, dust, and so forth, as elements of the strength. Our growing population and a higher standard of living demand increasing food supplies, and food, cotton, hides, and the rest. With the disappearance of free and cheap fertile land, additional acreage and increased yields can come only from the farmer's effort. This we need to expect from an impoverished or unhappy rural population.

It will not do to take a narrow view of the rural disposition, or to appraise it from the standpoint of yesterday. This is peculiarly an age of flux and change and new deals. Because a thing always has been no longer means that it is righteous, or always shall be. More, perhaps, than ever before, there is a widespread feeling that all human relations can be improved by taking thought, and that it is not becoming for the reasoning animal to leave his destiny largely to chance and natural instinct.

Prudent and orderly adjustment of production and distribution in accordance with consumption is recognized as wise management in every business, and that of farming. Yet I venture to say that there is no other industry in which it is so important to the public that the city-dweller—that production should be sure, steady, and increasing, and that distribution should be in proportion to the need. The organized farmers naturally act blind and impulsively and, in consequence, surplus and deficit, accompanied by disconcerting price variations, harass the consumer. One year potatoes are in the fields because of excess production, and there is a scarcity of the things that have been displaced or make way for the expansion of the potato acreage; next year the punished farmers make their fields on some other crop, and potatoes enter the class of luxuries; and so on.

Agriculture is the greatest and fundamentally the most important of the American industries. The cities are but the branches of the tree of the nation life, the roots of which are in the land. We all flourish or decline with the farmer. So, when we of the cities read of the present and distress of the farmers, of a slump of six billion dollars in the farm value of their crops in a single year,

of their inability to meet mortgages or to pay current bills, and how, seeking relief from their ills, they are planning to form pools, inaugurate farm strikes, and demand legislation abolishing grain exchanges, private cattle markets, and the like, we ought not hastily to brand them as economic heretics and highwaymen, and hurt at their charge of being seekers of special privilege. Rather, we should ask if their trouble is not ours, and see what can be done to improve the situation. Purely from self-interest, if for no higher motive, we should help them. It is not to be permanently to "normalcy," but is it reasonable to hope for that condition when the charge of being seekers of special privilege is put on a sound and solid permanent foundation? The farmers are right in complaining of wrongs long endured, and right in holding that it is feasible to relieve their ills with benefit to the rest of the community.

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An ancient evil, and a persistent one, is the undergrading of farm products, with the result that what the farmers sell as of one quality is resold as of a higher. That this sort of chicanery should persist on any important scale in these days of business integrity would seem almost incredible. But there is much evidence that it does so persist. Even as I write, the newspapers announce the suspension of several firms from the New York Produce Exchange for exporting to Germany as No. 2 wheat a whole shipment of grossly inferior wheat mixed with oats, chaff and the like.

Another evil is that of inaccurate weighing of farm products, which, it is charged, is sometimes a matter of protection and sometimes of protection policy on the part of the local buyer, who fears that he may "weigh out" more than he "weighs in." A certain grievance is that at present the field farmer has little or no control over the time and conditions of marketing his products, with the result that he is often underpaid for his products and usually overcharged for marketing service. The difference between what the farmer receives and what the consumer pays often exceeds all possible justification. To cite a single illustration, last year, according to figures attained by the railways and the growers, Georgia watermelon raisers received on the average 75 cents for a melon, the railroads got 127 cents for a carload of melons, and the consumer paid one dollar, leaving 25 cents for the service of marketing and its risks, as against 202 cents for growing and marketing the melon. The hard annual earnings are replete with such commentaries on the credulity of present practices.

Nature prescribes that the farmer's "goods" must be finished within two or three months of the year, while financial and storage limitations generally compel him to sell them at the same time. As a rule, other industries are in a continuous process of finishing their goods, and the farmer's goods are ready to sell at any time. The farmer's goods are ready to sell at any time, and the farmer's goods are ready to sell at any time.

The average farmer is busy with the production for the major part of the year, and has nothing to sell. The bulk of his surplus comes on the market at one time, because of lack of storage facilities and of financial support, the farmer cannot carry his goods through the year and dispose of them as they are currently needed. In the absence of storage facilities, the farmer is forced to sell his goods at once, and the result is a glut of the market and a consequent fall in price.

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### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

#### COFFEE COUNTY

Sealed bids will be received by the State Highway Commission of Alabama at the office of the State Highway Department, Montgomery, Alabama, until 12 o'clock noon March 28, 1922, and at that time publicly opened for the construction of a road beginning at Elba, Ala. 2 1/2 miles south of the intersection of the road to be constructed is 36.06 miles, and the principal items of work are approximately as follows:

35.21 Acres clearing and grubbing.  
122550 Cu. yds. common excavation.  
25503 Sta. yds. overhaul on excavation.  
80780 Cu. yds. sand and clay surfacing.  
980 Lin. ft. 15 " D S T C pipe.  
805 Lin. ft. 18 " D S T C pipe.  
975 Lin. ft. 21 " D S T C pipe.  
10775 Lin. ft. 24 " D S T C pipe.  
10 Lin. ft. 30 " corrugated metal pipe.  
60 Lin. ft. 30 " corrugated metal pipe to be relaid.  
20 Lin. ft. 18 " corrugated metal pipe to be relaid.  
2184 Cu. yds. Class B Concrete in headwalks.  
438 Cu. yds. Class B Concrete in drop inlets.  
10153 Cu. yds. Class A Concrete in culverts.  
7255 Pounds reinforcing steel in culverts.  
32446 P.M. erected timber in bridges.  
1176 Lin. ft. creosoted piling in bridges.  
358 R O W markers.  
80500 Sta. yds. grading slopes.

Plans and specifications are on file in the office of the State Highway Department at Montgomery, Ala. Any engineer at Montgomery, Ala. Any additional information may be secured at the State Highway Engineering, Montgomery, Ala.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.  
Cash or certified check or \$5000.00 made payable to the Chairman of the State Highway Commission must accompany each bid as a guarantee that if awarded the contract the bidder will execute the contract and give bond as required.

W. S. KELLER,  
State Highway Engineer.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION  
State of Alabama, Coffee County,  
In the Circuit Court of Coffee County,  
In Equity, Enterprise Division,  
Mollie Benton, Complainant, vs.  
Helen Benton, Respondent.

In this cause it being made to appear in the register by affidavit of complainant that the respondent is a non-resident of the State of Alabama; that his postoffice address is unknown and that respondent is over twenty-one years old; it is therefore ordered by the register that publication be made in the Elba Clipper, a newspaper published in Elba, said county, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring the said Helen Benton, respondent, to answer or demur to the bill of complaint in this cause by the 12th day of March, 1922, or within thirty days thereafter a default confession may be taken against her.

S. H. BROCK, Register.  
Done February 8th, 1922.

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## SALE SALE SALE

WE HAVEN'T GOT ONE BUT WE OFFER YOU SOME "100 PER CENT IN THE DOLLAR" VALUES WHICH WE GIVE EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK.

WE GIVE YOU ADVANTAGE OF ANY PRICE REDUCTIONS WHICH COME OUR WAY.

WE WANT TO BUY YOUR CHICKENS AND EGGS—WE PAY HIGHEST MARKET PRICES FOR THEM EVERY HOUR IN THE DAY AND EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK—WE ALSO SHIP YOUR CREAM BRING IN YOUR SURPLUS CREAM ANY DAY IN THE WEEK—THIS MEANS A DOLLAR WHICH YOU OTHERWISE, WOULD NOT GET—WE CHARGE YOU ABSOLUTELY NOTHING FOR SHIPPING THE CREAM FOR YOU—BRING IT IN.

OUR STOCK OF MERCHANDISE IS ALWAYS COMPLETE AND PRICES RIGHT—WE WILL NOT GIVE YOU SOMETHING IN ORDER TO GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO "CUT YOUR THROAT"—COME TO SEE US—TRADE WITH US—WE WANT YOUR BUSINESS.

ENGLISH BROS. CO.  
ELBA, ALABAMA.

#### ANDALUSIA, SURVIVE HIM.

Dr. Chapman had long been a faithful member of the Methodist Church.

The funeral services were held in Troy Monday morning at the residence of his son, Dr. E. H. Chapman, at 10 o'clock and interment followed at the family plot at Oakwood. Dr. E. H. Chapman, of the Methodist Church officiated.

#### MORE THAN THIRTY LIVES ARE LOST WHEN BIG SHIP FALLS AND BURNS.

Norfolk, Va., February 21.—(Plant) A ship, possibly a broken hulk, the plant army sinking Rome, changed a thousand feet or more today to strike ground at the Hampton Roads army base, capsized after a high tension electric line and burst into a roaring furnace of blazing hydrogen gas, in which at least 30 of her army crew and passengers perished.

Barely a dozen of the two score of more men aboard had been picked up alive. One died enroute to a hospital. All of those who survived the fire escaped by jumping as the ship struck. The others, penned in the hull beneath the fallen bag, were burned to death. Heat of the fire fought back the rescuers for hours.

Three fire departments fought the flames with chemicals and by seven o'clock tonight the fire was out, leaving a mass of wreckage. The wreckage was driven back by the fire. The wreckage was driven back by the fire. The wreckage was driven back by the fire.

FOR SALE—Six radiators of different makes. Phone No. 7.

CONNER.

I have the prettiest Suits, Coats, Dresses and Millinery that you can find anywhere. See them and get my prices before you buy your spring needs. Miss Debra Blocker.

WANTED—Man with car to sell low priced GRAHAM TRUCK. \$1200.00 per week and commission. GRAHAM TRUCK CO., 19 Boulevard, Benton Harbor, Mich.

Just received a new line of men's spring suits. They are right. Vaughn & Kendrick.

FOR RENT—Three nice rooms for rent for light housekeeping. Also garden space to party renting rooms. Mrs. Annah DuBoise.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

State of Alabama, Coffee County.

In the matter of the estate of W. H. Hurd, deceased.

Letters of administration with will annexed having been granted to the undersigned by Hon. S. N. Rowe, Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, on the 28th day of February, 1922, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of said decedent to file the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred.

J. H. WALKER,  
Administrator of the Estate of W. H. Hurd, deceased.

2-2-10-16-d

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Rainier have returned from a visit to Montgomery and Troy.

Mrs. Hendrix Jeter has returned to her home at Elba after a several days visit to her mother at Montgomery.

Rev. D. P. Lee, of Luverne, for a number of years pastor of the Elba Baptist Church was here Tuesday for the funeral of his friend, Mr. Donaldson.

Mr. J. M. Marsh went up to Montgomery the first of the week for treatment for an attack back of his eye. He has returned and his friends are glad that he will be alright within a few days.

Mr. D. C. Marley was a visitor at Montgomery the first of the week.

CARL THOMPSON CONFESSES TO BRUTAL MURDER

Miami, Fla., Feb. 26.—Carl Thompson, former Kansas City butcher, held in the county jail in connection with the death of Patrick Brady, two weeks ago tonight made a complete confession that he killed Brady, cut up his body and threw it into the Miami river, according to the sheriff's office.

Thompson said he hit Brady over the head, knocking him unconscious according to the officers. Then he loaded him on an automobile and took him to the edge of the Everglades, shot him and cut up the body. He gave no reason for the crime. He is being held on a charge of first degree murder.

His home was the center of social affections and hospitality to many and the human ties broken will be eternally welded when the prayer, "Oh, Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done on Earth as It Is Done in Heaven" has been fulfilled.

Every word of love and every deed of kindness shown by relatives and friends during the illness is highly appreciated by the family.

J. A. WHALEY.

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Mr. Mallory leaves several children to mourn his loss. To them we extend our sincerest sympathy.

The host of relatives and friends gathered at his residence at two o'clock on the 28th was an expression of human devotion to a noble father and friend and when six of his sons-in-law, Henry King, Joe L. Morrow, E. M. Campbell, L. M. Page, J. D. Wood, Fred Folsom, acting as pall bearers, bore his body quietly from his home to a place of burial. Many a gleam of fatherly love was seen in the eyes of the audience as they followed in the office of heart-rending and in the office of heart-rending.

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